



Holiday Schedule

Weekday work will continue through the holidays with the following exceptions:

Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25
Thursday, December 31
Friday, January 1



Public Information Session

U.S. EPA has been keeping residents informed of site work through fact sheets and having staff available at the U.S. EPA site trailer.

Although U.S. EPA has not held a public information session since July, another may be scheduled if there is sufficient interest.

If you are interested in a public meeting with U.S. EPA and its partner agencies to discuss cleanup work, please contact Bri Bill, Community Involvement Coordinator, at the e-mail, voice mail or address listed on the reverse side.

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Former Northwestern Barrel Site Status of Site Activities

South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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This fact sheet summarizes recent activities at the Former Northwestern Barrel site, located along Lake Michigan between Marina Road and the South Milwaukee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Site Excavation and Removal Activities

In the past three months, site workers have conducted a number of activities, including the following:

- clearing and shredding of vegetation from the southern lake bluff;
- excavation, stockpiling, sampling, and off-site disposal of contaminated ravine and lake bluff soils and debris;
- excavation, stockpiling, sampling and off-site disposal of a portion of the former facility's building foundation, located by the west fence;
- collection of soil samples from the base and sidewalls of two pits on the south east portion of the site to identify whether additional pit excavation is necessary;
- construction of a temporary fence consisting of wooden stake and yellow caution tape on the western end of the site property, 20 feet outside of site fence, to provide a safety zone for residents while work was underway close to the site perimeter;



Stockpiles of contaminated soil awaiting off-site disposal.

- repair of Marina Road;
- periodic sampling of water and sediment from the stream in the ravine;
- air monitoring at the fence line for vapors and dust; and
- chemical-specific air monitoring during the handling of soils containing odorous soils (soils contaminated with volatile organic compounds).

For a more detailed accounting of activities completed, please consult the file labeled "U.S. EPA Pollution Reports" (yellow label) in the site information repository at the South Milwaukee Public Library. U.S. EPA will be placing this information in the repository by the end of the year.



Site Information Repository

U.S. EPA staff recently rearranged site files in the repository at the South Milwaukee Public Library. Documents are sorted in a way that will make it easier for residents to find material more quickly. Documents have also been moved to file cabinets to accommodate the new arrangement. Ask a librarian for assistance.

Schedule for Completion

Soil excavation and removal activities inside the fence were expected to be completed by December. However, as workers dug into the lake bluff, a greater volume of contaminated material was discovered, and additional excavation has been necessary. Therefore, excavation and off-site removal will continue into the new year. The estimated completion date for these activities is February. Once all contaminated material has been removed, workers will collect samples of soils and ground water to ensure that contamination has been cleaned-up to approved levels.

Additional Sampling in Residential Areas

Several residents have inquired about additional sampling in the residential areas next to the site. The agencies and the potentially responsible parties are making plans for additional

activities which could include soil sampling and basement air monitoring. Affected residents will be contacted within the next several months regarding this work.

Also, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (WDHFS) mailed a Health Update (dated November 1998) to residents of the Marina Cliffs condominium property. This update provided WDHFS's evaluation of soil sample results for health impacts. A copy of the update, as well as a copy of a public health consultation on residential soils, has been placed in the library.

For additional information or to request a meeting, please contact:

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